

# Japan Apparel and Textile Links

## Textile Companies

### Asahi Kasei:

Manufacturer of Bembergand viscose rayon, acrylic staple fiber, nylon 66, elastic polyurethane filament, and spunbond nonwovens.

### Daiwabo:

Manufacture and sell fabrics for clothing and interiors, garments, industrial materials and geotextiles. Materials are man-made fibers and non-wovens, material for paper-making, and rubber sponges for industrial and sports use. They also make a deodorizing fiber called Deometafi.

### Fuji Spinning Co., Ltd.:

Manufacturers of a variety of textile products, including spandex and special-use fibers. For example, CHITOPOLY is made from shellfish shells and is claimed to be antibacterial and gentle to the skin. CELLTIMA is a rayon/polynosic fiber with a high degree of polymerization and claimed to have good drape and texture. Most recently, they have developed a fiber called "V-UP" that contains a vitamin that can be absorbed into the skin.

### Goda Embroidery:

An Australian and Japanese company specializing in unusual embroidery.

### Hiramatsu Industrial Company:

Offers a variety of printing processes, such as Hotaru (glow-in-the-dark), Pariri (burnout), and Opeleck (embossed look).

### Hironen Co., Ltd.:

The company where I'll be interning this summer. They make textiles from synthetic, man-made, and natural fibers, but concentrate on acetate/triacetate and polyester combinations.

### Itochu Corporation:

The textile division manufactures raw cotton, cotton yarns, wool, woolen yarns, rayon staple, spun rayon yarns, rayon yarns, synthetic staple, synthetic filament, cotton fabrics, wool fabrics, silk fabrics, rayon fabrics, spun rayon fabrics, synthetic filament fabrics, knit fabrics, knit outer garments, knit under garments, woven outer garments, woven undergarments, other garments, secondary textile products, bedding fabrics, interior fabrics, industrial fibers, inorganic fiber, etc.

### Joi'x Corporation:

Apparel manufacturer with a mostly Japanese website.

### Kanebo, Ltd.:

The textile division manufactures yarns and fabrics from a variety of materials, including corn fiber, cotton, wool, nylon, acrylic, polyester, and high-tech fibers. The fashion division offers women's wear, men's wear, sports wear, home furnishings, and accessories.

### Konica:

Offers an inkjet printer for textiles. It is marketed as being small and lightweight, and therefore appropriate for office

use. Cool.

### **Kurabo Industries, Ltd.:**

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### **Kuraray Co., Ltd.:**

Manufacturer of fibers like polyester, PVA, and fabrics like hook-and-loop fasteners, and man-made leather, as well as resins, chemicals, and medical products (including artificial organs). Also check out their environmental activities report.

### **Marubeni:**

The textiles division manufactures polyester and cotton fibers, yarns, and fabrics. They also make apparel and interior textiles.

### **Mitsubishi Rayon:**

Interestingly, this company does not seem to produce any rayon. They make acrylic, diacetate, triacetate, polyester, and polypropylene fibers, and synthetic suede. They also manufacture carbon fibers, plastic optical fibers, and hollow fiber membranes.

### **Nisshinbo:**

The textile division makes shirting, linens, denim, uniform materials, spandex, and nonwovens.

### **Nittobo:**

The textiles division makes natural and synthetic yarns, as well as fabrics and interlinings.

### **Royne:**

Manufacturer of underwear and outerwear, including casual wear. Unfortunately, much of the website is only in Japanese.

### **Shikibo:**

Producers of a variety of fabrics, including the flameproof "SUPER Fosmo", antibacterial "super anier", and sunlight-reflecting "New KUCHANT", among others.

### **Sumikin Bussan:**

The textile division makes an entire range of cotton goods, from fibers to completed apparel.

### **Tamurakoma and Co., Ltd.:**

Make textiles for household goods, fabrics for garments, and garments.

### **Teijin:**

The fibers and textiles division produces a variety of polyester, aramid, carbon, polyvinyl chloride, and acetate fibers. They also make artificial leather.

### **Toho Texax, Co. Ltd. (formerly Toho Rayon):**

Specialist in carbon fiber manufacture.

### **Tomen:**

Manufacture a wind- and waterproof fabric called Gelanots.

### **Toray:**

The Fibers and Textiles, Fashion division produces nylon, polyester, and acrylic fibers, yarns, textiles, and finished

products.

**Toyobo:**

Includes Digital Fashion, which lets you try out different looks of apparel on screen, assuming you have the correct plugin for your browser. The company also makes recycled polyester, polyester filament, a heat- and chemical-resistance fiber called PROCON, a "high performance" fiber called ZYLON, a "heat-generating" fiber called eks, and a catalyst for polyester production that does not contain heavy metals.

**Toyota Textile Machinery:**

Manufacturer of equipment for all stages of the textile process.

**Tsudakoma:**

Manufacturer of textile machinery, including air jet, water jet, and rapier looms.

**Unitika:**

Producer of Vynylon for use in textile sizing and finishing.

**Yagi:**

Manufacturer of fiber, textiles, and finished products.